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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Mitsuya SATO) : Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 09/472,993) : Group Art Unit: 1752
Filed: December 28, 1999) :
For: EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND) : April 19, 2000
EXPOSURE METHOD) :

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

FORMAL MATTERS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing of the subject application, neither a

certificate, petition nor payment of a fee is believed required for this Information Disclosure Statement. Nevertheless, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205 should any fee be deemed required for this filing.

CONCLUSION

Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the above information and return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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